

then mixed and optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of claim 1 is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried wherein the mixture comprises 1 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 1 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.

15. A process for producing the dye preparation of claim 1, in which the individual dyes of the dye mixture of claim 1 are ground in water in the presence of a dispersant, then mixed and optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of claim 1 is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried wherein the mixture comprises 1 to 80% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 20 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye. - -

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Support for amended claim 1 can be found in issued claims 1 and 6. The applicants have further limited the substituents for R³ and R⁴ for the substituents defined in claim 6 and in the specification at col. 1, lines 45-58. The applicants have amended claim 8 and deleted the preferable language from claim 8. Support for the newly added claim 13 can be found in issued claim 8. The applicants have incorporated the deleted the preferable language from claim 8 as newly added claim 13. Support for newly

added claims 14 and 15 can be found in issued claim 10. Claim 10 was a multiple dependent claim. The applicants have rewritten claim 10 as newly added claims 13 and 14 and deleted the multiple dependencies. Since this is a reissue application the claims must contain the underlining and bracketing. The applicants can't submit a clean copy of the claims without the underlining and bracketing.

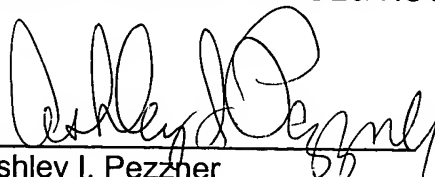
The applicants believe that the claims as amended are patentable over the enclosed references. These references were brought to the applicants' attention during an opposition in Europe during the prosecution of the European counter part to the above-identified patent. The applicants have also enclosed the references cited in the European prosecution.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775. A prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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